

(iv) **Acceptance of higher tender by the B. W. S. & S.
Board for Supply for Pipes**

Sri K. M. DASANKOP (Dharwar City).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of State for Municipal Administration to the acceptance by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board of higher tender for the supply of pipes when a lower tender by nearly four crores was pending with the Board.

Sri B. M. PATIL.—The Cauvery Water Supply Scheme, estimated to cost Rs. 22.4 crores, has been sanctioned in its entirety by the State Government. Once the scheme is approved by the State Government, it is entirely the responsibility and duty of the Board to execute the Scheme by exercising all or any of the powers that are vested in the Board under the Act and as per the Board's Regulations. In the actual execution of the approved Schemes Government does not meddle or interfere with the actions or decisions taken by the Board which comprises of eminent persons representing the technical, financial and legal interests. There is no provision in the Act enabling or requiring Government to interfere in the functions and duties of the Board, nor is there any provision under which the Board is required to obtain Government's approval of the various actions and decisions that the Board will have to take at various stages of the execution of the approved schemes. At best, Government can only interfere to issue directions or guidance on matters relating to policy. It is therefore entirely within the competence of the Board, in furtherance of the execution of an approved scheme, not only to invite tenders but also to finalise and accept the tenders. The process of inviting and finalising tenders, etc., which constitutes a part of the whole scheme that has been duly approved by Government, does not involve any questions of policy requiring the directions or guidance from Government. It is entirely left to the Board to finalise the tenders without the approval of Government.

But, if, at any stage, Government feels or is satisfied that the Board has erred grievously in taking a particular decision which is likely to cause an incalculable loss or damage to the Board's funds or properties or is likely to cause undue delay in the execution of the scheme, Government will certainly have all the authority to interfere in the matter and it will not hesitate to do so if such an occasion were to arise.

Since some Hon'ble members of this House have made some solicitous enquiries on this subject, Government proposes to examine the matter further in greater detail.

Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address

(Debate continued)

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಗಿರಿಯಪ್ಪ (ಕೋಲಾರ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನಾನು ನಿನ್ನಯ ದಿವಸ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಯುವಜನರನ್ನು ಕಾಡುತ್ತಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಿರುದ್ಯೋಗ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ